

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

<b>UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL</b>  (Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))	Attorney Docket No.	TOW-033
	First Inventor	Hiroshi Akita
	Title	PROTON CONDUCTIVE SOLID POLYMER ELECTROLYTE AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME
	Express Mail Label No.	EV 354 228 412 US

<b>APPLICATION ELEMENTS</b>  See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.	<b>ADDRESS TO:</b> MS Patent Application Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
---	---

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)<br>(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)<br>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status.<br>See 37 CFR 1.27.<br>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specification [Total Pages <b>44</b> ]<br>(preferred arrangement set forth below)<br>- Descriptive title of the invention<br>- Cross Reference to Related Applications<br>- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D<br>- Reference to sequence listing, a table,<br>or a computer program listing appendix<br>- Background of the Invention<br>- Brief Summary of the Invention<br>- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)<br>- Detailed Description<br>- Claim(s)<br>- Abstract of the Disclosure<br>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets <b>5</b> ]<br>5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets <b>6</b> ]<br>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newly executed (original or copy)<br>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))<br>(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)<br>i. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)</b><br>Signed statement attached deleting<br>inventor(s) named in the prior application,<br>see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).<br>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76 | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or<br>Computer Program (Appendix)<br>8. <input type="checkbox"/> Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission<br>(if applicable, all necessary)<br>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Readable Form (CRF)<br>b. Specification Sequence Listing on:<br>i. <input type="checkbox"/> CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Paper<br>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Statements verifying identity of above copies<br><b>ACCOMPANYING APPLICATIONS PARTS</b><br>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))<br>10. <input type="checkbox"/> 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement [ ] Power of<br>(when there is an assignee) Attorney<br>11. <input type="checkbox"/> English Translation Document (if applicable)<br>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure [ ] Copies of IDS<br>Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations<br>13. <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Amendment<br>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)<br>(Should be specifically itemized)<br>15. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)<br>(if foreign priority is claimed)<br>16. <input type="checkbox"/> Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i).<br>Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.<br>17. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
|---|---|

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: \_\_\_\_\_

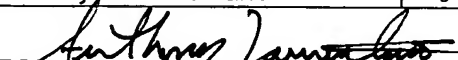
Prior application information: Examiner \_\_\_\_\_

Art Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

#### 19. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Customer Number or Bar Code Label	00959	or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Correspondence address below
Name	LAHIVE & COCKFIELD, LLP Anthony A. Laurentano	
Address	28 State Street	
City	Boston	State MA Zip Code 02109
Country	US	Telephone (617) 227-7400 Fax (617) 742-4214

Name (Print/Type)	Anthony A. Laurentano	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	38,220
Signature		Date	July 18, 2003

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail, Airbill No. EV 354 228 412 US, in an envelope addressed to: MS Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

Dated: July 18, 2003

Signature: 

(Anthony A. Laurentano)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail, Airbill No. EV 354 228 412 US, in an envelope addressed to: MS Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

Dated: July 18, 2003

Signature

(Anthony A. Laurentano)

Docket No.: TOW-033  
(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of: Hiroshi Akita, *et al.*

Group Art Unit: N/A

Application No.: NEW APPLICATION

Filed: Concurrently Herewith

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

For: PROTON CONDUCTIVE SOLID POLYMER  
ELECTROLYTE AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
THE SAME

**CLAIM FOR PRIORITY AND SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS**

MS Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 based on the following prior foreign application filed in the following foreign country on the date indicated:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Date</u>
Japan	2002-209709	July 18, 2002

In support of this claim, a certified copy of the said original foreign application is filed herewith.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. TOW-033 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: July 18, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

By 

Anthony A. Laurentano  
Registration No.: 38,220  
LAHIVE & COCKFIELD, LLP  
28 State Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02109  
(617) 227-7400  
(617) 742-4214 (Fax)  
Attorney/Agent For Applicant

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

<h2 style="margin: 0;">FEE TRANSMITTAL</h2> <h3 style="margin: 0;">for FY 2003</h3> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">Effective 01/01/2003, Patent fees are subject to annual revision.</p>		<b>Complete if Known</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27		Application Number	
		Filing Date	
		First Named Inventor	
		Examiner Name	
		Art Unit	
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT</b> (\$) 790.00		NEW APPLICATION Concurrently Herewith Hiroshi Akita Not Yet Assigned N/A Attorney Docket No. TOW-033	

<b>METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)</b>				<b>FEE CALCULATION (continued)</b>																																																																																																																																																																																																	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/> Money Order <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deposit Account Deposit Account Number: 12-0080 Deposit Account Name: Lahive & Cockfield, LLP The Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge fee(s) indicated below <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit any overpayments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge any additional fee(s) during the pendency of this application <input type="checkbox"/> Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee to the above-identified deposit account.				<b>3. ADDITIONAL FEES</b> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Large Entity</th> <th colspan="2">Small Entity</th> <th rowspan="2">Fee Description</th> <th rowspan="2">Fee Paid</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Fee Code</th> <th>Fee (\$)</th> <th>Fee Code</th> <th>Fee (\$)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1051</td><td>130</td><td>2051</td><td>65</td><td>Surcharge - late filing fee or oath</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1052</td><td>50</td><td>2052</td><td>25</td><td>Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1053</td><td>130</td><td>1053</td><td>130</td><td>Non-English specification</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1812</td><td>2,520</td><td>1812</td><td>2,520</td><td>For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1804</td><td>920*</td><td>1804</td><td>920*</td><td>Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1805</td><td>1,840*</td><td>1805</td><td>1,840*</td><td>Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1251</td><td>110</td><td>2251</td><td>55</td><td>Extension for reply within first month</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1252</td><td>410</td><td>2252</td><td>205</td><td>Extension for reply within second month</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1253</td><td>930</td><td>2253</td><td>465</td><td>Extension for reply within third month</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1254</td><td>1,450</td><td>2254</td><td>725</td><td>Extension for reply within fourth month</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1255</td><td>1,970</td><td>2255</td><td>985</td><td>Extension for reply within fifth month</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1401</td><td>320</td><td>2401</td><td>160</td><td>Notice of Appeal</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1402</td><td>320</td><td>2402</td><td>160</td><td>Filing a brief in support of an appeal</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1403</td><td>280</td><td>2403</td><td>140</td><td>Request for oral hearing</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1451</td><td>1,510</td><td>1451</td><td>1,510</td><td>Petition to institute a public use proceeding</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1452</td><td>110</td><td>2452</td><td>55</td><td>Petition to revive - unavoidable</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1453</td><td>1,300</td><td>2453</td><td>650</td><td>Petition to revive - unintentional</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1501</td><td>1,300</td><td>2501</td><td>650</td><td>Utility issue fee (or reissue)</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1502</td><td>470</td><td>2502</td><td>235</td><td>Design issue fee</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1503</td><td>630</td><td>2503</td><td>315</td><td>Plant issue fee</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1460</td><td>130</td><td>1460</td><td>130</td><td>Petitions to the Commissioner</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1807</td><td>50</td><td>1807</td><td>50</td><td>Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1806</td><td>180</td><td>1806</td><td>180</td><td>Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>8021</td><td>40</td><td>8021</td><td>40</td><td>Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)</td><td>40.00</td></tr> <tr><td>1809</td><td>750</td><td>2809</td><td>375</td><td>Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1810</td><td>750</td><td>2810</td><td>375</td><td>For each additional invention to be examined (37CFR 1.129(b))</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1801</td><td>750</td><td>2801</td><td>375</td><td>Request for Continued Examination (RCE)</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1802</td><td>900</td><td>1802</td><td>900</td><td>Request for expedited examination of a design application</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">Other fee (specify)</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid</td> <td><b>SUBTOTAL (3)</b> (\$)</td> <td>40.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath		1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet		1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification		1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination		1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action		1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action		1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month		1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month		1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month		1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month		1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month		1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal		1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal		1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing		1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding		1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable		1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional		1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)		1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee		1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee		1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner		1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)		1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt		8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	40.00	1809	750	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))		1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37CFR 1.129(b))		1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)		1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application		Other fee (specify)						*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid				<b>SUBTOTAL (3)</b> (\$)	40.00
Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid																																																																																																																																																																																																
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)																																																																																																																																																																																																		
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt																																																																																																																																																																																																	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	40.00																																																																																																																																																																																																
1809	750	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37CFR 1.129(b))																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application																																																																																																																																																																																																	
Other fee (specify)																																																																																																																																																																																																					
*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid				<b>SUBTOTAL (3)</b> (\$)	40.00																																																																																																																																																																																																
<b>FEE CALCULATION</b>																																																																																																																																																																																																					
<b>1. BASIC FILING FEE</b> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Large Entity</th> <th colspan="2">Small Entity</th> <th rowspan="2">Fee Description</th> <th rowspan="2">Fee Paid</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Fee Code</th> <th>Fee (\$)</th> <th>Fee Code</th> <th>Fee (\$)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1001</td><td>750</td><td>2001</td><td>375</td><td>Utility filing fee</td><td>750.00</td></tr> <tr><td>1002</td><td>330</td><td>2002</td><td>165</td><td>Design filing fee</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1003</td><td>520</td><td>2003</td><td>260</td><td>Plant filing fee</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1004</td><td>750</td><td>2004</td><td>375</td><td>Reissue filing fee</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1005</td><td>160</td><td>2005</td><td>80</td><td>Provisional filing fee</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="4"><b>SUBTOTAL (1)</b> (\$)</td> <td></td> <td>750.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>						Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee	750.00	1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee		1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee		1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee		1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee		<b>SUBTOTAL (1)</b> (\$)					750.00																																																																																																																																																		
Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid																																																																																																																																																																																																
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)																																																																																																																																																																																																		
1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee	750.00																																																																																																																																																																																																
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee																																																																																																																																																																																																	
<b>SUBTOTAL (1)</b> (\$)					750.00																																																																																																																																																																																																
<b>2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE</b> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2"></th> <th>Extra Claims</th> <th>Fee from below</th> <th>Fee Paid</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Total Claims</td> <td>15</td> <td>-20** =</td> <td></td> <td>0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Independent Claims</td> <td>2</td> <td>-3** =</td> <td></td> <td>0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Multiple Dependent</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Large Entity</th> <th colspan="2">Small Entity</th> <th rowspan="2">Fee Description</th> <th rowspan="2">Fee Paid</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Fee Code</th> <th>Fee (\$)</th> <th>Fee Code</th> <th>Fee (\$)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1202</td><td>18</td><td>2202</td><td>9</td><td>Claims in excess of 20</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1201</td><td>84</td><td>2201</td><td>42</td><td>Independent claims in excess of 3</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1203</td><td>280</td><td>2203</td><td>140</td><td>Multiple dependent claim, if not paid</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1204</td><td>84</td><td>2204</td><td>42</td><td>** Reissue independent claims over original patent</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>1205</td><td>18</td><td>2205</td><td>9</td><td>** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="4"><b>SUBTOTAL (2)</b> (\$)</td> <td></td> <td>0.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="font-size: x-small;">**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above</p>								Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid	Total Claims	15	-20** =		0.00	Independent Claims	2	-3** =		0.00	Multiple Dependent					Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20		1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3		1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid		1204	84	2204	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent		1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent		<b>SUBTOTAL (2)</b> (\$)					0.00																																																																																																																														
		Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid																																																																																																																																																																																																	
Total Claims	15	-20** =		0.00																																																																																																																																																																																																	
Independent Claims	2	-3** =		0.00																																																																																																																																																																																																	
Multiple Dependent																																																																																																																																																																																																					
Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid																																																																																																																																																																																																
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)																																																																																																																																																																																																		
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1204	84	2204	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent																																																																																																																																																																																																	
<b>SUBTOTAL (2)</b> (\$)					0.00																																																																																																																																																																																																

<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>		<b>Complete (if applicable)</b>	
Name (Print/Type)	Anthony A. Laurentano	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	38,220
Signature		Telephone	(617) 227-7400
		Date	July 18, 2003

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail, Airbill No. EV 354 228 412 US, in an envelope addressed to: MS Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.	
Dated: July 18, 2003	Signature:  (Anthony A. Laurentano)

1576 U.S. PTO  
 10/623037  
 07/18/03